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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the concurrent enrollment program between
- 2 school districts and community colleges.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 3, Code 2014, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3. District-to-community college sharing and concurrent
- 4 Concurrent enrollment programs program.
- 5 a. In order to provide additional funds for school districts
- 6 which send their resident high school pupils to a community
- 7 college an eligible postsecondary institution for college-level
- 8 classes, a supplementary weighting plan for determining
- 9 enrollment is adopted.
- 10 b. If the school budget review committee certifies to the
- 11 department of management that the class would not otherwise be
- 12 implemented without the assignment of additional weighting,
- 13 pupils attending a community college-offered class offered
- 14 by an eligible postsecondary institution or attending a
- 15 class taught by a community college-employed an instructor
- 16 employed by an eligible postsecondary institution are
- 17 assigned a weighting of the percentage of the pupil's school
- 18 day during which the pupil attends class in the community
- 19 college an eligible postsecondary institution facility or
- 20 attends a class taught by a community college-employed an
- 21 instructor employed by an eligible postsecondary institution
- 22 times seventy hundredths for career and technical courses or
- 23 forty-six hundredths for liberal arts and sciences courses.
- 24 The following requirements shall be met for the purposes of
- 25 assigning an additional weighting for classes offered through
- 26 a sharing agreement between a school district and community
- 27 college an eligible postsecondary institution. The class must
- 28 be:
- 29 (1) Supplementing, not supplanting, high school courses
- 30 required to be offered pursuant to section 256.11, subsection
- 31 5.
- 32 (2) Included in the community college eligible
- 33 postsecondary institution's catalog or an amendment or addendum
- 34 to the catalog.
- 35 (3) Open to all registered community college students

- 1 enrolled in the eligible postsecondary institution, not just
- 2 high school students. The class may be offered in a high
- 3 school attendance center.
- 4 (4) For college credit, and the credit must apply toward
- 5 an associate of arts or associate of science degree, or
- 6 toward an associate of applied arts or associate of applied
- 7 science degree, or toward completion of $\frac{a \text{ college}}{a}$ an eligible
- 8 postsecondary diploma program or certificate.
- 9 (5) Taught by an instructor who is employed or contracted by
- 10 a community college who an eligible postsecondary institution
- 11 and who meets the requirements of section 261E.3, subsection 2.
- 12 (6) Taught utilizing the community college eligible
- 13 postsecondary institution's course syllabus.
- 14 (7) Taught in such a manner as to result in student work and
- 15 student assessment which that meet college-level expectations.
- 16 c. For purposes of this subsection, "eligible postsecondary
- 17 institution" means the same as defined in section 261E.2.
- 18 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 8, paragraph c, Code
- 19 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 c. A school district receiving a virtual class for a pupil
- 21 from a community college an eligible postsecondary institution,
- 22 which class meets the sharing agreement requirements in
- 23 subsection 3, shall receive a supplemental funding weighting
- 24 of one-twentieth of the percentage of the pupil's school day
- 25 during which the pupil attends the virtual class.
- Sec. 3. Section 261E.1, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
- 27 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 28 b. Community college Postsecondary credit courses offered
- 29 through written sharing agreements between school districts and
- 30 community colleges eligible postsecondary institutions.
- 31 Sec. 4. Section 261E.2, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended
- 32 to read as follows:
- 33 1. "Concurrent enrollment" means any course offered to
- 34 students in grades nine through twelve during the regular
- 35 school year approved by the board of directors of a school

- 1 district through a contractual agreement between a community
- 2 college an eligible postsecondary institution and the
- 3 school district that meets the provisions of section 257.11,
- 4 subsection 3.
- 5 Sec. 5. Section 261E.8, Code 2014, is amended to read as
- 6 follows:
- 7 261E.8 District-to-community college sharing or concurrent
- 8 Concurrent enrollment program.
- 9 1. A district-to-community college sharing or concurrent
- 10 enrollment program is established to be administered by the
- 11 department to promote rigorous academic or career and technical
- 12 pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high
- 13 school students to enroll part-time in eligible nonsectarian
- 14 courses at or through community colleges established under
- 15 chapter 260C eligible postsecondary institutions. The program
- 16 shall be made available to all resident students in grades nine
- 17 through twelve. Notice of the availability of the program
- 18 shall be included in a school district's student registration
- 19 handbook and the handbook shall identify which courses, if
- 20 successfully completed, generate college credit under the
- 21 program. A student and the student's parent or legal guardian
- 22 shall also be made aware of this program as a part of the
- 23 development of the student's core curriculum plan in accordance
- 24 with section 279.61.
- 25 2. Students from accredited nonpublic schools and students
- 26 receiving competent private instruction or independent private
- 27 instruction under chapter 299A may access the program through
- 28 the school district in which the accredited nonpublic school or
- 29 private institution is located.
- 30 3. A student may make application to a community college
- 31 an eligible postsecondary institution and the school district
- 32 to allow the student to enroll for college credit in a
- 33 nonsectarian course offered by the community college eligible
- 34 postsecondary institution. A comparable course, as defined in
- 35 rules adopted by the board of directors of the school district,

- 1 must not be offered by the school district or accredited
- 2 nonpublic school which the student attends. The school board
- 3 shall annually approve courses to be made available for high
- 4 school credit using locally developed criteria that establishes
- 5 which courses will provide the student with academic rigor
- 6 and will prepare the student adequately for transition to a
- 7 postsecondary institution. If a community college an eligible
- 8 postsecondary institution accepts a student for enrollment
- 9 under this section, the school district, in collaboration with
- 10 the community college eligible postsecondary institution, shall
- 11 send written notice to the student, the student's parent or
- 12 legal guardian in the case of a minor child, and the student's
- 13 school district. The notice shall list the course, the clock
- 14 hours the student will be attending the course, and the number
- 15 of hours of college credit that the student will receive from
- 16 the community college eligible postsecondary institution upon
- 17 successful completion of the course.
- 18 4. A school district shall grant high school credit to
- 19 a student enrolled in a course under this chapter if the
- 20 student successfully completes the course as determined by the
- 21 community college eligible postsecondary institution and the
- 22 course was previously approved by the school board pursuant to
- 23 subsection 3. The board of directors of the school district
- 24 shall determine the number of high school credits that shall be
- 25 granted to a student who successfully completes a course.
- 26 5. District-to-community college sharing agreements
- 27 or concurrent Concurrent enrollment programs that meet the
- 28 requirements of section 257.11, subsection 3, are eligible for
- 29 funding under that provision.
- 30 6. Community colleges Eligible postsecondary institutions
- 31 shall comply with the data collection requirements of section
- 32 260C.14, subsection 21 the department in the manner and form
- 33 prescribed by the department.
- 34 7. A student enrolled in a career and technical course
- 35 made available pursuant to subsection 1 is exempt from the

- 1 proficiency requirements of section 261E.3, subsection 1,
- 2 paragraph "e". However, a community college an eligible
- 3 postsecondary institution may require a student who applies for
- 4 enrollment under a district-to-community college sharing or
- 5 concurrent enrollment program to complete an initial assessment
- 6 administered by the community college eligible postsecondary
- 7 institution receiving the application to determine the
- 8 applicant's readiness to enroll in career and technical
- 9 coursework, and the community college eligible postsecondary
- 10 institution may deny the enrollment.
- 11 8. The state board, in collaboration with the board of
- 12 directors of each community college, the state board of
- 13 regents, and individuals representing accredited private
- 14 institutions as defined in section 261.9 shall adopt rules that
- 15 clearly define data and information elements to be collected
- 16 related to the senior year plus programming, including
- 17 concurrent enrollment courses. The data elements shall include
- 18 but not be limited to the following:
- 19 a. The course title and whether the course supplements,
- 20 rather than supplants, a school district course.
- 21 b. An unduplicated enrollment count of eligible students
- 22 participating in the program.
- 23 c. The actual costs and revenues generated for concurrent
- 24 enrollment. An aligned unique student identifier system
- 25 shall be established by the department for students in
- 26 kindergarten through grade twelve and community college
- 27 eligible postsecondary institutions.
- 28 d. Degree, certifications, and other qualifications to meet
- 29 the minimum hiring standards.
- 30 e. Salary information including regular contracted salary
- 31 and total salary.
- 32 f. Credit hours and laboratory contact hours and other data
- 33 on instructional time.
- 34 g. Other information comparable to the data regarding
- 35 teachers collected in the basic education data survey.

- 1 Sec. 6. Section 423F.3, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code 2 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 c. The board of directors may use funds received under
- 4 the operation of this chapter for a joint infrastructure
- 5 project with one or more school districts or one or more school
- 6 districts and a community college established under chapter
- 7 260C or an institution of higher learning governed by the
- 8 state board of regents, for which buildings or facilities are
- 9 constructed or leased for the purpose of offering classes under
- 10 a district-to-community college sharing agreement or concurrent
- 11 enrollment program that meets the requirements for funding
- 12 under section 257.11, subsection 3. If the board intends to
- 13 use funds received under the operation of this chapter for
- 14 such a joint infrastructure project, the board shall adopt a
- 15 revenue purpose statement or amend an existing revenue purpose
- 16 statement, subject to approval of the electors, stating the
- 17 proposed use of the funds.
- 18 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 21 This bill allows universities governed by the state board
- 22 of regents and accredited private institutions to participate
- 23 in the concurrent enrollment program administered by the
- 24 department of education. Currently, the program provides
- 25 supplementary weighting for school districts that send
- 26 their resident high school pupils to a community college for
- 27 college-level classes.
- 28 The bill allows school districts to receive supplementary
- 29 weighting under the concurrent enrollment program and, by
- 30 operation of law, the senior year plus program for sending
- 31 resident students to eligible postsecondary institutions
- 32 for college-level courses. The bill defines "eligible
- 33 postsecondary institution" to mean community colleges, regents
- 34 universities, and accredited private institutions.
- 35 The bill allows one or more school districts to use statewide

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- 1 school infrastructure funding for a joint infrastructure
- 2 project with a regents university. Currently, only community
- 3 colleges can partner with a school district on such a project.
- 4 The bill eliminates references to "district-to-community
- 5 college sharing", and makes a corresponding change to a
- 6 reference relating to statewide school infrastructure funding,
- 7 and to a provision for supplemental funding for virtual
- 8 classes that meet the requirements of the concurrent enrollment
- 9 program.